

## Speakers, Panelists, Discussion Leaders

**F. King Alexander** became president of Murray State University in September 2001. Prior to that, he was responsible for managing the graduate education program in the study of higher education governance, leadership, and policy development in the Department of Educational Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A native Kentuckian, Dr. Alexander received a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master of science in comparative education policy from the University of Oxford, England, and a B.A. in political science from St. Lawrence University in New York.

**James Applegate** is vice president for academic affairs for the Council on Postsecondary Education. He just completed a term as the president of the National Communication Association, the largest association of communication scholars and teachers. He was one of 35 persons from the United States and Mexico to be named an American Council on Education Fellow in 1994 to study leadership practices in higher education. He currently serves as a national consultant, helping colleges across the country become more engaged with the needs of their communities and society. Before joining the Council staff, Dr. Applegate served as chair of the Department of Communication at the University of Kentucky. He received his undergraduate degree at Georgetown College and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

**Steve Barger** is the chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education. He is the secretary-treasurer and business manager of the Kentucky State District Council of Carpenters, based in Frankfort. He is a member of the Labor Participation Committee of Metro United Way and the Comprehensive Planning Committee of the Louisville Chamber of Commerce. He has participated in Leadership Louisville and the related Bingham Fellows. He attended the University of Louisville and Indiana University Southeast as well as the George Meany Institute for Labor Studies and the Wharton School of Finance.

**Keith Bird** was appointed chancellor of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System in February 1999. He previously served as president of Central Carolina Technical College and New Hampshire Regional Community Technical College at Claremont and Nashua. He also was deputy commissioner of the New Hampshire Community Technical College System. Dr. Bird has a B.A. from Alma College and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University. He studied as a Fulbright Scholar and Duke University Exchange Student at the Free University in Berlin, and as a fellow of the Military History Research Office in Freiburg.

**Carol Bredemeyer** is assistant director for reference and research services and associate professor of library services at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library, Northern Kentucky University. She is the current vice president of the NKU Faculty Senate and served as president in 2000-01. She serves as vice president of COSFL, the Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership. Ms. Bredemeyer holds a B.A. from Morehead State University and a M.L.S. from the University of Kentucky.

**Arthur L. Coleman** is counsel at Nixon Peabody LLP in Washington, D.C., where he provides legal, policy, strategic planning, and advocacy services to educators and policymakers. He helps states, colleges, universities, school districts, and related associations understand how to structure their programs in ways that best serve their educational goals and are consistent with federal and state legal requirements, thereby reducing the risk of litigation or enforcement and improving educational outcomes for students. Mr. Coleman has served as deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and as senior policy advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. He received his juris doctorate from Duke University School of Law and bachelor of arts degree from the University of Virginia. Mr. Coleman has served as an adjunct professor at two law schools and at one graduate school of education.

**Ron Crouch** is director of the Kentucky State Data Center located at the University of Louisville. The data center is the official clearinghouse for census data for the state of Kentucky. KSDC provides data on population, housing, education, employment, and other social indicators. Mr. Crouch holds master's degrees in sociology and social work from the University of Louisville and a master in business administration from Bellarmine University in Louisville.

**Bart Darrell** of Bowling Green is the vice chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education. He earned a B.A. at Kentucky Wesleyan College and a law degree from the University of Louisville. He is a partner in the Bowling Green law firm of Bell, Orr, Ayers, and Moore. Mr. Darrell serves as legal counsel to the public school systems of Warren and Daviess counties. He is a former member of the Kentucky Wesleyan board of trustees, chairman of the board of directors of the American Red Cross, past president of the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association, and active in a variety of civic and professional organizations.

**John P. Davis** of Ashland is the student representative on the Council on Postsecondary Education. John is an undergraduate student at the University of Louisville and expects to receive his bachelor of arts in communication and political science in May 2004.

**Ronald G. Eaglin** became the 12th president of Morehead State University in July 1992. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Eaglin came to Kentucky from the chancellorship of Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina. Previously, he was vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. Earlier he was the southeast regional director of the American College Testing Program. Dr. Eaglin holds a bachelor's degree in biology and mathematics from Southeast Missouri State University, a master's degree in student personnel administration from Southern Illinois University, and a doctoral degree in educational psychology from the University of Utah.

**Joanne K. Glasser** is the 10th and first female president of Eastern Kentucky University. Described by the Lexington Herald-Leader as an "administrator who packs persuasiveness," President Glasser has endeared herself to students, faculty and staff, alumni, and civic and corporate leaders alike through her skills as an effective administrator, planner, community developer, volunteer, and fundraiser. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, President Glasser brings to Eastern nearly 30 years of executive level experience within the areas of public higher education, government, and legal affairs. She holds a B.A. from George Washington University, a J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law, and a certificate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Institute of Education Management.

**Sherron Jackson** is assistant vice president for finance and equal opportunity for the Council on Postsecondary Education. Mr. Jackson has received a number of awards and has been recognized as a community leader and activist. He holds a master's degree in public administration from Kentucky State University and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Mississippi State University.

**Steve Kay**, founding partner of Roberts & Kay Inc., has more than 25 years of experience in the design and implementation of effective group process. His clients include non-profit organizations, charitable foundations, and federal, state, and local government agencies. He holds a B.A. from Bowdoin College, an M.A. from Yale University, and an Ed.D. from the University of Kentucky.

**Cheryl D. King** is currently the vice president for Kentucky Adult Education with the Council on Postsecondary Education. In 1996, King was appointed commissioner of the Department of Adult Education and Literacy, Cabinet for Workforce Development, and she was named deputy secretary of the cabinet in 1999. Dr. King worked for the Owensboro Independent School District for 26 years as a classroom teacher, principal, and district administrator. She holds a doctorate in general administrative leadership from Vanderbilt University.

Mary E. Lassiter currently serves as acting state budget director and the deputy executive director of the Governor's Office for Policy Research. She served for 15 years as a financial analyst in the Office for Financial Management and Economic Analysis, which operates the Commonwealth's investment and debt management programs. Ms. Lassiter has served as a special assistant to Governors Wallace Wilkinson and Paul Patton on economic development and workers' compensation issues. She holds both a BBA and MBA from the University of Kentucky.

Thomas D. Layzell became the second president of the Council on Postsecondary Education in April 2003. Prior to coming to Kentucky, Dr. Layzell served as commissioner of higher education for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning for seven years. Before that, he served as executive director/chancellor of the Illinois Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities and as an assistant vice president for administration at Governors State University in Illinois. He serves on various organizations in his capacity as Council president and serves on numerous national organizations, including the State Higher Education Executive Officers, the National Association of Systems Heads, the Council of Presidents of the Association of Governing Boards, and is a commissioner of the Education Commission of the States. Dr. Layzell has a B.A. in history from Millikin University, a J.D. in law from the University of Illinois, and an M.A. in public administration from the University of Illinois.

Terrence J. MacTaggart is concurrently a University of Maine System research professor and a senior fellow with the Center for Public Higher Education Governance and Trusteeship of the Association of Governing Boards. His work focuses on higher education policy, statewide governance, and economic development. He has served as a faculty member and administrator at several public and independent colleges and universities. He has held the chancellor's position at the Minnesota State University System and the University of Maine System. Prior to his system level service, Dr. MacTaggart was chancellor at the University of Wisconsin in Superior. Dr. MacTaggart has served as a consultant and facilitator of board retreats for numerous colleges, universities, and systems, including the University of Nebraska System, the University System of Maryland, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Oregon University System, the University of Alaska System, the University of Northern British Columbia, the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Texas Southern University, and others. Dr. MacTaggart's academic credentials include a doctorate and master's degree in English literature from Saint Louis University, a master's of business administration degree from St. Cloud State University, and an honorary doctor of law degree from the American College of Greece. He has served as a Fulbright Scholar to the Ministry of University Affairs in Thailand and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Michael B. McCall is the founding president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, a seamless system of 62 campuses open or under construction operating in 16 regions across the Commonwealth. Prior to coming to Kentucky, Dr. McCall served as executive director of South Carolina's comprehensive technical colleges and provided leadership for South Carolina's economic development training programs. Earlier in his career, Dr. McCall served as president of the Florence Darlington Technical College in Florence, South Carolina, and as president of the Paul D. Camp Community College in Franklin, Virginia. He also was a dean and a faculty member at community and technical colleges in Virginia. Dr. McCall received his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; his master's degree in physics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia; and his doctorate in educational administration from VPI.

Joe L. McCormick was selected executive director of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation October 1, 2001. KHEAA is the agency of Kentucky state government that administers several student aid programs to help families meet higher education expenses. KHESLC is an independent de jure municipal corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth that finances, makes, and purchases Federal Family Education Loans and provides annual financial support to KHEAA. Prior to coming to Kentucky, Dr. McCormick served as vice president for national affairs for the Apollo Group and a member of the

University of Phoenix Online teaching faculty. Other positions include chair of the Direct Loan Task Force within the U.S. Department of Education, executive director of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, and president and CEO of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation. Dr. McCormick is a native of Texas and holds a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

Harry Moberly Jr., a long-term advocate of education reform in Kentucky, has served as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives since 1980. He has been at the forefront of many efforts to improve education in the Commonwealth, including his active support of the Kentucky Education Reform Act in 1990 and the postsecondary education reform of 1997. Representative Moberly served as co-chair of the Task Force on Public Education in 1997 and, in 1999, he was co-chair of the Task Force on Teacher Quality. He also was the primary sponsor of Kentucky's comprehensive school safety law and legislation, which restricts class size in Kentucky schools. He is chair of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee and a member of the Education Committee. He is co-chair of the Educational Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee, which has responsibility for oversight of the assessment system in Kentucky's public schools. He received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a law degree from the University of Louisville. In addition to his legislative career, he is an attorney and an administrator at Eastern Kentucky University.

Richard Novak is vice president of public sector programs, with primary responsibility to direct the Center for Public Higher Education Trusteeship and Governance, at the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. The center's mission is to strengthen the relationship between public academic institutions and state governments by enhancing the performance and capacity of public governing boards. Mr. Novak has directed a special six-year initiative on board and presidential leadership funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, a privately funded study on the effectiveness of public college and university governing boards, and a legislative study examining the governance of the University System of Maryland. Prior to joining AGB, he spent 13 years on the staff of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. This included assignments as director of the Center for State Higher Education Policy and Finance and assistant director of governmental relations covering federal tax, budget, and appropriations issues. Mr. Novak received both his baccalaureate degree in liberal arts and a master's degree in higher education administration from Michigan State University.

Cedric Powell is associate dean for academic affairs and professor of law at the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. Professor Powell received his B.A. degree with honors in government from Oberlin College in 1984, and his J.D. degree from New York University School of Law in 1987 where he served as managing editor of the NYU Review of Law & Social Change. Professor Powell served as a law clerk to the Honorable Julia Cooper Mack, District of Columbia Court of Appeals (1987-88); he served as the Karparkin Fellow in the national legal department of the American Civil Liberties Union (1988-89); and he served as a litigation associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (1989-93). He is admitted to practice in Ohio and New York. Professor Powell joined the Brandeis School of Law faculty in 1993. His teaching and research interests include: First Amendment law, hate speech, and affirmative action. He was named associate dean for academic affairs in fall 2000.

James R. Ramsey was named the 17th president of the University of Louisville November 14, 2002. He also serves as professor of economics and public administration in the College of Business and Public Administration. Prior to his appointment at UofL, he was Governor Paul Patton's senior policy advisor and state budget director. Dr. Ramsey has held professional positions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Western Kentucky University, Middle Tennessee University, and Loyola University. He is an accomplished scholar and teacher, with more than 60 publications in the fields of economics and management. He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Kentucky and his undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University.

Gary A. Ransdell was named the 9th president of Western Kentucky University in September 1997. He joined WKU after serving as vice president for administration and advancement and as vice president for institutional advancement at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina. Dr. Ransdell received his bachelor's degree in mass communications and a master's of public service degree in public administration from WKU. His doctor of education degree is from Indiana University.

Richie Sanders Jr. has served in the Kentucky General Assembly for 12 years, being first elected to the Kentucky State House of Representatives in 1991. Six years later, he won the State Senate seat representing the 9th District, which contains Allen, Barren, Edmonson, Green, Metcalfe, and Simpson counties. Senator Sanders serves as chair of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, the committee that develops the budget. He also serves as a member of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee and the Senate Transportation Committee. Senator Sanders is a graduate of Western Kentucky University.

Robert F. Sexton has been the executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence since its creation in 1983. The Prichard Committee is an independent, statewide, non-partisan, advocacy group dedicated to the improvement of education for all Kentuckians. A Louisville native, Dr. Sexton has been the deputy director of the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, an administrator at the University of Kentucky, a professor of history, and a high school teacher. A graduate of Yale University, Dr. Sexton earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of Washington. He was a visiting scholar at Harvard University and at the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University. Dr. Sexton was a founder of Kentucky's Governor's Scholars Program and the Commonwealth Institute for Teachers. He was the founder and president of the Kentucky Center for Public Issues and publisher of The Kentucky Journal. He chaired the board that created the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning in Lexington. Dr. Sexton also has been active in education reform at the national level, serving on the boards of the American Association for Higher Education and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education and as chair of the Coalition for Alternatives in Postsecondary Education.

Lee T. Todd Jr. became the 11th president of the University of Kentucky July 1, 2001. Dr. Todd is a former UK engineering professor. Before being selected as president of UK, he was senior vice president of Lotus Development Company, a subsidiary of IBM. He created DataBeam Corporation, which became the world's leading provider of real-time collaboration and distance learning software and development platforms. Dr. Todd founded Projectron Inc. to manufacture projection cathode ray tubes for the flight simulation industry. Dr. Todd co-founded the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, a not-for-profit organization focused on increasing university research capacity, developing P-12 science and technology education programs, and encouraging an entrepreneurial economy in Kentucky. Dr. Todd received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from UK and his master's in advanced electrical engineering and doctoral degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Todd served on the Council on Postsecondary Education and chaired the Distance Learning Advisory Committee, which developed the Kentucky Virtual University and the Kentucky Virtual Library.

William H. Turner is the interim president of Kentucky State University. He has distinguished himself as a college professor, researcher, administrator, community leader, and businessman. He has held teaching and administrative posts at Southern University (Baton Rouge), Fisk University (Nashville), Howard University (Washington), the University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, and Winston Salem State University (North Carolina). Dr. Turner has held post-doctoral appointments at the University of Pennsylvania (Moton Center for Independent Studies), George Washington University (Institute for Educational Leadership), and Duke University's Center for the Study of Civil Rights and Race Relations. He held the distinguished professorship of black and Appalachian studies at Berea College and the research professorship at the Heller School of Social Policy at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. He was a research associate to Pulitzer Prize winning author, Alex Haley (Roots). Before coming to KSU (where he served as dean of arts and

sciences, 1984-85), Dr. Turner was president of Turner & Associates, a consulting firm specializing in multicultural protocols, diversity training, crisis management, and strategic planning for corporate and not-for-profit clients, including the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Salvation Army, Sara Lee Companies, the Kellogg Foundation, Proctor & Gamble, and the Kenneth Kaunda Children of Africa Foundation. Dr. Turner is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and received master's and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame University.

James C. Votruba became president of Northern Kentucky University in August 1997. He came to NKU from Michigan State University where he was vice provost for university outreach and professor of higher education from 1989-97. Prior to his tenure at MSU, he was dean of the College of Education and Human Development at Binghamton University. He previously held faculty and administrative positions at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Drake University. Dr. Votruba earned his B.A. in political science, M.A. in political science and sociology, and his Ph.D. in higher education administration from Michigan State University. Since 1995, he has been a faculty member in Harvard University's Institutes for Higher Education.

Mary Jo Waits is the associate director of the Morrison Institute for Public Policy, the "think tank" of the nation's fourth largest university – Arizona State University. She oversees the Institute's project development, publications, research, and analysis. Her areas of expertise include economic development, urban growth, and environment. Ms. Waits was assistant director for the Arizona Governor's Office of Policy Development and Planning during the Babbitt administration. She also served as a senior economic policy advisor to the governor and lieutenant governor of Alaska and spent three years providing organizational and land use assistance to Alaska's regional governments and local communities. Ms. Waits holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.

Charles Whitehead of Villa Hills recently retired as president of the Ashland Inc. Foundation. He is a past chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education and serves as the chair of the Council's Committee on Equal Opportunities. He is a member and former chairman of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky State University Foundation. His civic activities include Pathways Inc. and Very Special Arts of Kentucky. He earned a bachelor's degree from Central State University in Ohio and has studied at the University of Houston and Penn State University.

Gene Wilhoit is Kentucky's education commissioner and an ex-officio member of the Council on Postsecondary Education. Before coming to Kentucky in 1997, he held a similar position in Arkansas where he was deputy commissioner for the Bureau of Learning Support Services in the Department of Education. He has been executive director of the National Association of State Boards of Education and special assistant in the U.S. Department of Education. A former chairman of the Advisory Commission of the Education Commission of the States, he has a bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and a master's from Indiana University.